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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE


References AB and AL-AQ were cited during the prosecution of the German priority application. Reference AC is a U.S. Patent corresponding to reference AM. Reference AD is a U.S. Patent corresponding to reference AP. The relevance of reference AB was discussed in the Specification. Reference AA is provided as additional art for the Examiner to consider—since this reference is in English, no

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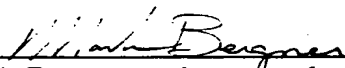
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